an evil day. I will tell
about this. Gracie had
a sweetheart whom she
dearly loved & had prom-
ised to marry. This was
a most excellent young
man named Joseph
Parker, who had com-
menced life in the hum-
blest circumstances,
but had risen by honest
endeavor till he was
now sexton to the village
church, & grave digger.
The graveyard was ~~a pub-~~
~~lic one~~, owned by several
citizens, who presently
wished to sell it. It was
pleasantly located on
a hill side & very desi-
rable. Young Parker
conceived the idea of

buying it. It wa
great chance, bu
price was a vast
being six hundr
dollars, & he had
money. Mr. Ca
loved Joseph, & h
not bear to see this
tunity lost; he look
from Gracie's bea
ing eyes to Joseph
his heart was tou
& he said —

"You shall h
the graveyard, my
dren; take your ma
off. now, & be hap

You should ha
seen Gracie throw
arms around hi
& pat his cheek &
for joy.